

CALL OFF COAL STRIKE; MINERS MAY VETO THEM

Executive Committee's Action
Pleases England, but Real
Test Approaches.

FEDERATION WILL MEET

Session Tomorrow May Decide to Con-
tinue Fight—Funds of Union Re-
duced One-half.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, April 4.—The country lea-
ders of the coal miners' execu-
tive committee have decided that the men
should return to work and had resolved
to suspend the strike. It is uncertain,
however, what action the federation
will take when it meets next Saturday.
The meeting of the executive committee
was a secret one and the only thing
known officially was the resolution which
was adopted recommending that the
federation declare the strike off. In-
dependent accounts, however, con-
cur in the statement that the meeting
was in no wise harmonious and the resolution
was carried by only a small majority.
It was assumed early to-day that the
meeting of the executive committee
was a brief one, but it appears now that
the committee was in session for five
and a half hours while the various leaders
voiced their opposing views with some
newspaper correspondents. Ashton
and other moderates argued that a two-
thirds majority was as necessary to
prolong it as it had been to start the
strike. They also interpreted the num-
erous abstentions of miners from voting
on the question of returning to work as
an indirect vote against continuing the
strike, while the fact that several thousand
miners were already at work at the mines
would seriously hamper any attempt to
prolong the strike.

On the other hand Smillie, Hartshorn
and other extremists repudiated the
necessity of a two-thirds majority in
order to continue the strike. They asked
of what use was the taking of the ballot
if the result was not acted upon.

These differences of opinion un-
doubtedly will be emphasized at the
federation meeting next Saturday, and if
as now seems not improbable, the ex-
tremists prevail the decision of the execu-
tive committee may be rescinded. This
might result in a break up of the miners'
organization.

Meanwhile many leaders, especially
the moderates, have gone to their re-
spective districts to work for peace, not
only with the object of securing the re-
turn of the miners to work but also to
save the federation from disruption.
Whatever decision may be reached on
Saturday, however, it is generally con-
ceded that the strike as a national affair is
over. The figures of the ballot show that 201,013
men voted in favor of returning to work
and some 60,000 are already in the pits.
The vote against resumption was 244,011.
It is expected, however, that thousands
who are eager to resume work will be en-
couraged to do so by the action of the
Executive Committee to-day, irrespective
of anything the federation may do on
Saturday. Still there is undoubtedly a
large section of the men who are grimly
determined not to resume work until the
scheduled minima have been obtained.

These men struck reluctantly and only
complained with the strike order on the
assurance of their leaders that the adop-
tion of the minima was inevitable, and
none will return to work until this
assurance has been secured. These men are
now bitterly dissatisfied, seeing that these
assurances have not materialized. Part
of their resentment is against the Govern-
ment and part against their leaders.
If they yield it will be slowly and grudgingly.

Even if the moderates are able to sway
the federation meeting on Saturday it is
not expected that there will be a general
resumption of work earlier than next
Tuesday or Wednesday.
The enormous "war fund" with which
the strike was started has been wiped out
almost completely. The reserve funds of
the miners' union which were invested in
stocks and bonds have been reduced more
than one-half.

PREDICTS RAILROAD STRIKE.

British Labor Leader Says There Must
Be Conciliation Board.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, April 4.—The trouble between
the management and the employees of the
Central London Railway arose over the
decision of a petition by the men for
the establishment of a conciliation board.
Mr. Crawford, one of the leaders of the
railwaymen, to-day endorsed the state-
ment of J. H. Thomas in the House of
Commons yesterday that unless they
trouble on this line is settled the railway
union generally will take up the fight.
Mr. Crawford accused other companies
of treating their employees badly and
said:

"The men are determined not to work
under these grievances. The companies
will find some morning that they are not
at their posts, but there will be no warn-
ing. The men learned a lesson by their
experience in the last strike."

WILD WEST DAYS IN FRANCE.

Four Bandits, Murder Expressman and
Steel Valuables.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
PARIS, April 4.—The arrest of Carrouy,
one of the motor car bandits who killed
a chauffeur at Villeneuve-St. Georges,
has been a bank at Chantilly, murdered
the expressman and stole \$20,000,
has been a step to the extensive series
of highway crimes which have stirred
France for several weeks.

A party of four bandits this morning
assaulted an expressman's wagon in the
forest of Fontainebleau, about six miles
from Paris, killed the driver by strangling
him, looted the wagon of a large quantity
of valuables and tossed the body to the
road. The bandits then fled, and
later were found by the police.

PETROLEUM FOUND IN AFRICA.

Discoveries Said to Have Been Made in
Mozambique District.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, April 4.—It is
announced that petroleum has been dis-
covered in the Mozambique district of
Africa.

The sources of petroleum have
been discovered in the East African dis-
trict, and it is expected that some
large quantities will be produced.

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CHINA READY TO ADOPT GEORGE'S SINGLE TAX

Dr. Sun, Who Believes in Reform-
ing While Reforming Is Good,
Makes Prediction.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

SHANGHAI, April 4.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen,
the former provisional President of China,
declared to-day that he intended to de-
vote his future life to the welfare of the
Chinese people and that the teachings
of Henry George, the single taxer, would
be the basis of his programme of reform.
"I intend to devote my future to the
promotion of the welfare of the Chinese
people as a people," said Dr. Sun. "After
nearly three centuries of Tatar tyranny
a great people has come into its own and
it will make the most of its opportunity.
The teachings of your single taxer,
Henry George, will be the basis of our
programme of reform."

"We will embrace all of the teachings
of Henry George and will include the
ownership by the national Government
of all natural monopolies."

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who lived for years
in the United States, is a personal friend
of Representative Henry George, Jr.,
of New York, son of the famous single
taxer.

PEKIN, via London and Grace Bay, April
4.—Despite several protests the Belgian
syndicate to-day handed over \$10,000,000
to the Chinese authorities at Peking and
Shanghai. This money was furnished
under the recent loan agreement. The
"four power" committee of international
bankers had opposed the arrangement.

LONDON, April 4.—A despatch from St.
Petersburg to the Daily Telegraph says
the settlement of all matters in connection
with the Chinese foreign loan will be
withdrawn from the private banks on
April 5 and taken over by the six inter-
ested Governments, the United States,
Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia
and Japan. Russia and Japan have made
certain special reservations, to which no
objection will be raised.

This arrangement is considered to be
incomparably more satisfactory than the
one it supersedes.

MRS. PANKHURST OUT ON BAIL.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 4.—Arraigned in Bow
Street Court to-day charged with con-
spiracy to destroy property, Mrs. Emmeline
Pankhurst, leader of the militant
suffragettes, and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick
Lawrence, joint editors of Votes for Women,
were held for trial in Old Bailey. By order
of the Home Secretary the two months
sentence of Mrs. Pankhurst for window
breaking, which began on March 2, was
commuted to expire to-day so that she
may have an opportunity to prepare her
defence. To-day, after she had
agreed to refrain from all violence pend-
ing trial, she was freed in \$10,000 bail, and
the bail of her two associates was con-
tinued.

The Government officers said that they
would move the trial as soon as possible.

SCOTT FIGHTS ON ONE LINE.

Letter Said He Would Not Alter Plans
Because of Amundsen's Dash.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, April 4.—A despatch to the
Central News from Christchurch, N. Z.,
contains an extract from a private letter
written by Capt. Scott, the south pole
explorer, on October 28. He refers to Capt.
Amundsen's proposed dash for the pole
as complicating the position, but says
he is determined not to alter his plans,
inasmuch as indulging in a race for the
pole would spoil the prospect of getting
there. Capt. Scott expresses the opinion
that Amundsen was taking risky chances,
but if he succeeded he would deserve all
credit.

LORD LISTER LEFT \$3,308,330.

Will Give \$50,000 Each to Three
Public Institutions.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, via Grace Bay, April 4.—The
will of the late Lord Lister, the discoverer
of the antiseptic system of treatment in
surgery, which was filed to-day, disposes
of an estate valued at \$3,308,330. It gives
\$50,000 each to the Royal Society, the
King Edward Hospital and the North
London University College Hospital on
condition that his name should not be
associated with the bequests. There is
also a bequest of \$100,000 to the Lister
Institute for Preventive Medicine.

PEKIN TO PARIS FLIGHT.

French Paper Arranging Long Distance
Airship Contest.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
PARIS, April 5.—The Matin announces
that it is making arrangements for a
Pekin to Paris aeroplane contest.

HOME RULE BILL PLANS.

Customs Excise Will Be Collected by
Imperial Government.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, April 4.—The draft of the
home rule or Irish Government bill,
as it will be known officially, has been
completed and it will be introduced April
11. The differences between the Ministry
and the Irish Nationalists over the re-
venues to be raised have resulted in a com-
promise by which the customs excise
will be collected by the imperial Govern-
ment. The Irish Parliament, however,
may vary those duties subject to the veto
of the imperial Government.

The new Parliament will sit in Dublin.
There will be six representatives of
Dublin among the forty Irish members
who will represent the country in the
House of Commons at Westminster.
Ireland will make no direct contribution
to the imperial revenue.

The taxation of Ireland is to continue
in accordance with the financial system
of the United Kingdom. The old age
pensions and land purchase schemes are
to remain under imperial responsibility.

ON COAL CONFERENCES DEPEND NEW PRICES

If Wednesday Session Is a Dead-
lock Rush of Buyers Will
Send Values Kiting.

LEHIGH LAYS OFF MEN

Railroad Admits Curtailment and Says
It's Wholly the Result of Stop-
page of Mining.

Pending the conference between the
anthracite mine workers and the coal
operators which will be held on Wednes-
day at the Reading terminal, Philadel-
phia, in an effort to prevent a coal strike
dealers and shippers of coal were con-
serving their supplies yesterday and only
filling orders actually received. The
supply of small steam sizes at the stock
piles will be shipped sparingly, but those
who can show that they actually need
coal will be supplied.

A meeting of the coal operators' com-
mittee of ten will be held in this city on
Tuesday to prepare for the conference
the next day, but no details of what is
done at the meeting will be given out. It
was the general opinion yesterday among
both operators and dealers that no
settlement will be reached on Wednesday
and that if there is to be a settlement
without a strike two or three conferences
will have to take place before it can be
reached.

The miners' committee will make a
fight for recognition of the union. The
rank and file of the mine workers care
very little about the recognition of the
union and would be satisfied, it was said,
with an advance in wages, but the leaders
want the closed shop, which would be a
better guarantee of the coming in of
union dues and the payment of officers'
salaries and other union expenses.

At the offices of the Lackawanna Rail-
road it was said that as the suspension of
work in the anthracite districts is com-
plete great care will be taken in accepting
new orders. In case of a long suspension
special means may be taken to supervise
shipments. Joseph W. Vought, deputy
commissioner of the Coal Merchants
Association, said that the attitude of buy-
ers was now one of expectancy.

"Until the attitude of the operators and
mine workers at the close of the con-
ference on Wednesday changes in the situa-
tion," he said, "there will be little change in the situation.
If both sides leave the conference with-
out either side making any concessions
the demands for coal will increase at once
and every one who wants coal will be
clamoring for it. This will mean that
prices will rise and it will be largely the
fault of the buyers if they do."

On behalf of the operators' committee
a statement was issued last evening in
reply to reports that there were large
profits from mining. The statement charac-
terizes as erroneous.

"For example," it says, "one of the
reports says that the profits of the anthra-
cite mining companies are estimated at
\$5,000,000 a month. Such guesses of
'estimates' of profits are gross exaggerations
and are calculated on the basis of a gen-
eral increase in demand by representatives
of the mine workers."

The statement goes on to say that in
the last year for the profits of the anthra-
cite mining companies are estimated at
\$5,000,000 a month. Such guesses of
'estimates' of profits are gross exaggerations
and are calculated on the basis of a gen-
eral increase in demand by representatives
of the mine workers."

An explanation of the laying off of men
and the consequent loss of material in the
Lehigh Valley Railroad was made
officially yesterday.

"Owing to the suspension of work,"
the railroad's statement said, "the anthra-
cite and bituminous mines and the consequent loss of a large part
of its normal tonnage the Lehigh Valley
Railroad Company has been forced to re-
duce its working force by laying off
train crews, shipmen and office workers."

"In addition improvements and better-
ments involving the expenditure of many
thousands of dollars in the Lehigh Valley
have had to be indefinitely postponed."

"At present 125 freight locomotives
have been put out of commission, which
has compelled the laying off of practically
that number of complete freight train
crews. Other locomotives and crews are
operating on a short time basis."

The total reduction in wages in the
transportation and shop departments and
in the offices in a very large sum
monthly, exclusive of the curtailment
in improvements and betterments.

"These reductions in the labor force
result from an unfortunate situation
over which the company has no control.
Under the conditions which prevailed
prior to the strike the company found
employment for its normal force and the
management hoped that nothing would
occur to force a reduction. The duration
of the present suspension of work at the
mines is still in doubt and therefore it
is impossible to predict when the railroad
employees will be called back to their
work."

LEHIGH MEN HIT BY STRIKE.

Company Tells Why It Has Been Com-
pelled to Cut All Expenses.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company
put out a formal statement yesterday ex-
plaining the laying off of men and the pos-
sibility of betterments. The statement
said in part:

"Owing to the suspension of work at
both the anthracite and bituminous mines,
and the consequent loss of a large part
of its normal tonnage, the Lehigh Valley
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duce its working force by laying off train
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EX-SHAH'S MEN SURRENDER.

Russians Kill 39 Before They Capture
Moscow.

FIND CHAMBERS UNDER PALACE.

Excavators Discover Vast Passages Be-
neath House of Augustus.

Rome, via London and Grace Bay,
April 4.—Prof. Boni's excavations on the
Palatine have led to the discovery of vast
subterranean chambers underneath a
house of Augustus which was rebuilt by
Domitian A. D. 85. These chambers have
not yet been fully explored in consequence
of the subsidence due to medieval earth
quakes.

The discoveries include a trichium of
slabs of yellow marble, Egyptian granite
and porphyry, a beautiful pavement of
floral design in green and red porphyries
and also polychrome decorations of rare
marbles and mother of pearl which were
originally on the face of the walls. The
excavations have been stopped pending
the raising of the modern buildings.
The discoveries are regarded as of the
greatest importance.

TITANIC READY FOR TRIP.

Olympic's Sister Ship Will Leave South-
ampton April 10.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, April 4.—The new White Star
liner, Titanic, arrived at Southampton at
1 A. M. this morning from Belfast,
where early this week she had her com-
passes adjusted after a successful speed
trial held over a measured course at
Belfast Lough. The Titanic docked
twelve hours after her sister ship, the
Olympic, had sailed for New York on her
westward voyage.

The Titanic is scheduled to leave South-
ampton, Cherbourg and Queenstown
on April 10 and is due to arrive at New
York on April 17, sailing from here on her
first eastern voyage April 20.

The Titanic is the newest and latest
addition to the fleet of steamers of the
White Star Line. She is 832 feet 6 inches
long, 92 feet 6 inches wide, 66,000 tons
displacement and 46,000 tons gross regis-
ter. Among the innovations on the Ti-
tanic is the sitting room suite with the prome-
nade.

HYDE AHEAD OF WHITMAN SO FAR

Prohibition Writ Dismissed—New
Application to Be Made
in Brooklyn.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme
Court in Manhattan dismissed yesterday
the temporary writ of prohibition obtained
by District Attorney Whitman restrain-
ing Supreme Court Justice Woodward
of the Appellate Division in Brooklyn
from proceeding further with the habeas
corpus writ over him to determine the
cause of the detention of Charles H.
Hyde. The opinion, written by the
entire court, states that the temporary
writ would not have been granted had
the court not been misinformed in the
District Attorney's petition by his state-
ment that the Brooklyn Appellate Division
was not sitting at the time. The Man-
hattan court has since learned that the
Brooklyn court could have been con-
vened and that the writ of prohibition
should have been sought in Brooklyn.

The District Attorney's petition stated
under information derived from the Law
Journal that the Appellate Division of
the Second Department was not in session.
The reply of Justice Woodward showed
that it had not been closed or adjourned
that a recess had been ordered, but that
on the day of the application five justices
of the Appellate Division were present
together in the chambers adjoining the
court room in readiness at all times as
to a court to attend to any business pre-
sented.

Justice Laughlin concurs in this
opinion. He says that the Manhattan
Appellate Division had jurisdiction unless
the Brooklyn court was actually in ses-
sion. The public court room in which the
application could have been made thereto
as a matter of right and not as a matter
of favor, depending on whether the
court could be assembled as a court and
grant a hearing. It does not follow,
however, that this court should have
taken, or should retain, jurisdiction.
As soon as the District Attorney was
notified in the decision in the case he
went to Brooklyn and conferred with
Presiding Justice Jenks of the Appellate
Division there as to making a similar
application to the public court room in
which the case was heard. Justice
Woodward was called to conference and
it was then decided that the District
Attorney would wait until Monday to
make his application, which he did. There
will be a majority of the Appellate
Division to hear the application without
Justice Woodward.

It was agreed to take no further steps
in the habeas corpus proceeding until the
writ of prohibition is disposed of. There
will be an appeal in any case and it
may be October before Hyde's case is
reached for trial, if it goes to trial.

MOTLEY AND MILLER HELD.

Remanded Without Bail on Lithographers'
Charge in London.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, April 4.—Despite their de-
claration that their arrest was an out-
rage and that all of their dealings had
been reputable business transactions,
Alfred King Motley, Jr., and Clark A.
Miller, wanted in New York for grand
larceny, were remanded without bail
when arraigned in Bow Street Police
Court to-day. The arrests were made
at the request of the American State
Department through Ambassador Reid
and the men are being held pending ex-
tradition.

Attorneys for the defendants told the
Court that if the allegations were
actually as made the only recourse the
complainants have is a civil suit. The
complainants are William Ottmann and
officers of the United States Litho-
graphing Company of New York and
"Incinnati." They alleged that Motley
and Miller sold them for \$100,000 a new
lithographing process which did not
come up to expectations.

LSHAS BECOMES A REPUBLIC.

Chinese Said to Have Proclaimed Gov-
ernment in Forbidden City.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
CALCUTTA, April 4.—A despatch from
Gyangtse, Tibet, says the Chinese have
proclaimed a republic at Lhasa and estab-
lished a council of the line of the pro-
vincial assemblies in China. The officials
have cut off their queues and are wearing
western clothes. The Tibetans have
rebelled against the new order and there
has been much fighting near Shigatse.

Lhasa, which is the capital of Tibet,
has been known as the "Forbidden City"
because of its political and religious
exclusive character. In 1904 a British
armed expedition opened the mystic
city to the eyes of the world. It was
officially visited by a British officer who
stopped in his efforts to reach the
population of Lhasa is about 25,000.

MODIST ACTRESS RESIGNS.

Forfeits Contract Rather Than Don
Scenty Costume.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
BERLIN, April 4.—Florence Ottermann,
the original "Merry Widow," has for-
feited her contract with the Theater
des Westens rather than appear in an
exceedingly scanty costume.

Monte Carlo Nights for Tourists.

VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER, April 4.—The
Clark cruise ship, named Arabia, with
about 350 Americans on board anchored
in the roadstead this morning and the
party went to Monte Carlo by coach over
the Corniche railway. A number of the
passengers had been invited to Italy
to join their companions on a voyage
who left the ship at Naples.

FLORETTA WHALEY AND COOKE RETURN

Rector Who Eloped From Hemp-
stead Recognized by Bible
Class Pupil.

GIRL VISITS HER OLD HOME

Has Her Two Boys With Her and In-
tends Going Back to San Fran-
cisco Before Long.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., April 4.—Jere Knod-
e Cooke, who was rector of St. George's
Episcopal Church here, and Floretta
Whealey, the girl with whom he eloped
five years ago, are or have been recently
in New York city.

Several days ago two young women of
Garden City, one of them a former mem-
ber of Cooke's Bible class in St. George's,
were walking on Fifty-ninth street, Man-
hattan, when the latter saw Cooke com-
ing toward them on the sidewalk. He had
on a brown suit, carried a cane, wore the
same close cropped mustache and seemed
to have changed but little in appearance
since he disappeared from Hempstead.
He recognized her and opened his mouth
as if to speak. The girl purposely dropped
her purse and while picking it up whis-
pered to her friend to go with her into a
nearby drug store as quickly as possible.

"I wish I had spoken to him now," she
said afterward.

Mrs. Keziah Whealey, grandmother of
Floretta, who lives in a little house
a block from St. George's rectory, when
told about it said:

"I don't believe it was he. He wouldn't
come back here, never in the world."
But to-day she admitted that Floretta
and her two young boys had been to see
her last Sunday. She said they had gone
back to New York, saying that she
saw no reason why the couple should be
bothered. Mrs. Whealey said that fear
caused by the prevalence of a contagious
disease in San Francisco had caused her
granddaughter to bring the children
East, although Floretta had been homesick
for a year and knowing her grandmother
was advanced in years and not well, was
afraid she might never see her again.

It is reported that Cooke is working
as an interior decorator for a man whose
place of business is on 144th street, but
will return to San Francisco.

Cooke deserted his wife in May 1907.
Floretta Whealey is many years his junior.
She was the daughter of a hotel keeper
who had died leaving her a small estate
and a guardianship. Mrs. Cooke came from
an excellent Hartford family. There
were no children.

A conference of the wardens and vestry-
men of St. George's Church was held the
night of the elopement at the home of
August Belmont, senior warden. From
there, at about 1 o'clock, the party went
in Mr. Belmont's automobile to the
House at Garden City, the residence of
Bishop Burgess, where the matter was
considered. At a later meeting Cooke
was formally deposed from the church by
the Bishop.

Bishop Burgess expressed surprise to-
day when told of the return of Cooke and
when asked if the church could have
any further jurisdiction over him now
that he was in New York State replied
in the negative. "He has no standing
in the church from the time of his being
unfrocked and therefore is not in any
way under its control."

After the elopement a tablet in the
parish house, which was raised through
Cooke's efforts in interesting E. H. Hart-
man and others, listing the names of the
rectors in the history of the church was
removed. This has been restored within
the last few months through the efforts
of certain members of the church who
contended that no matter how unfor-
tunate the circumstances the tablet should
remain there.

Under the arrangements made for her
by her father Miss Whealey received
several thousand dollars on becoming
of age. That was a year ago. The rest
of a moderate estate is held in trust by
the grandmother during the latter's life.
Mrs. Whealey has money of her own, which
will go to Floretta and her younger sister,
Edna.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 4.—Mrs. Ma-
rinda Cooke, the deserted wife of Jere
Knod Cooke, has lived with her father,
Henz A. Clark, at 521 Prospect avenue
ever since the elopement of her husband
with Floretta Whealey. Mrs. Cooke said
to-day that she would not bring a suit
for divorce at present. As to what she
will do in the future she would not say. She
said she had some curiosity to see whether
the New York police authorities would
cause the arrest of either of the elopers.

No request has been made to the Dis-
trict Attorney's office here for any action
in the matter of Mr. Cooke and Miss
Whealey and no evidence has ever
been presented of a crime committed
by either of them in this county. Dis-
trict Attorney Charles N. Wysoong of Na-
saul county said last night that no such
request had been made, but he said no
evidence had been presented to him that
a crime had been committed. Mr. Wy-
soong took office on January 1, 1911, after
Mr. Cooke and Miss Whealey had left
Hempstead.

KNOX REACHES CUBA.